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MATERIAL AND METHOD OF
MAKING

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REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 21-26, 29, and 30 are pending in the application. Claims 1-18 have been withdrawn and the remaining claims have been finally rejected. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested

The Examiner's comments together with the cited references have been carefully studied.

Claims 19, 21-26, 29, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsumoto et al. in view of Laney et al. The Examiner alleges that "It would have been obvious to use Laney's teaching for using microbeads in the polyester material taught by Matsumoto because of the absorbency properties which efficiently absorb printed inks without the need of multiple processing steps or multiple coated layers" and "It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the